



*Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership*  
*Meeting Minutes*  
*September 9, 2009*

**Summary**

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Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Members in Attendance (18):

Beth Kohler Lazare (Office of Governor Janice Brewer)  
Anthony Coulson (Drug Enforcement Administration)  
Brian Wilcox on behalf of David Felix (Department of Public Safety)  
Cassandra Larsen (Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families)  
Charles Ryan (Arizona Department of Corrections)  
Dr. Kellie Warren (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)  
Duce Minor (Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc. PAACE)  
Jane Irvine (Attorney General's Office)  
Jean Ajamie (Department of Education)  
Jerry Oliver (Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control)  
Karen Bulkeley on behalf of Jakki Hillis (Department of Economic Security)  
Karen Ziegler (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)  
Lorie Mayer on behalf of Tom Betlach (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System)  
Malina Botkin (Arizona National Guard)  
Mary Specio-Boyer (COPE Behavioral Services, Inc.)  
Melissa Lempke (Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy)  
Mike Fronske on behalf of Dr. Laura Nelson (Department of Health Services)  
Ralph Ogden (Yuma County Sheriff)

Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Members Absent (6):

Alberto Gutier (Governor's Office of Highway Safety)  
Dave Byers (Administrative Office of the Courts)  
Jeff Sanders (Community Member)  
Kathy Kitcheyan (San Carlos Apache Tribe)  
Scott Cocuzza (Business Leader)  
Dr. Laura Nelson (ADHS)

Public (17):

Markay Adams (ADHS/DBHS)  
Angela Baldasare (Pima Prevention Partnership)  
Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF-DSAP)  
Karen Bulkeley (DES)  
Shannon Casazza (WINR/OCW)  
David Choate (ASU-CUPCS)  
John Deneka (Phoenix Indian Center)  
David Gallagher (AATP)  
Briana Kreibich (GOCYF-DSAP)  
Jennie Lagunas (DBHS)  
Lorie Mayer (AHCCCS)  
Leticia Mendoza (GOCYF-DSAP)  
Michelle Nietch (ACJC)  
Sonya Pierce-Johnson (GOCYF-DSAP)  
Gerald Richards (Attorney General's Office)  
Kathleen Robinson (Tucson Police Department)  
George Rodriguez (Tucson Police Department)  
Joan Shaffer (Southwest Human Development)



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Mike Sheldon (DBHS)  
Christina Totura (Pima Prevention Partnership)  
Wendy Wolfersteeg (SIRC-ASU)

### **Call to Order**

Ms. Beth Kohler Lazare welcomed members and called the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and requested for member to introduce themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes and Membership Changes**

Ms. Lazare referred members to the minutes from the previous meeting. **Mr. Oliver moved to approve the minutes. Sheriff Ogden seconded the motion and it was carried with no objections.**

Ms. Lazare referred members to the membership rosters included in their packers. Several of the subcommittees have changes in membership, and Ms. Lazare asked for members to review the rosters. **Sheriff Ogden moved to approve the rosters and Mr. Oliver seconded the motion which passed with no objections.**

### **Strategic Focus Areas Policy & Budget Discussion**

Ms. Lazare discussed the policy and legislative changes recommend by ASAP and its sub-committees and noted that with the current budget crisis in Arizona, the Governor's Office most likely will not introduce much new legislation in the upcoming session. She asked members to discuss next steps for this body and the work that can continue that does not require legislation.

Mr. Coulson noted that the Meth Task Force has a good working relationship with the Attorney Generals Office and will partner with this agency to move forward with some of the policy recommendations.

Mr. Minor noted the work of the workforce development committee and the use of cost effective web-based training. Dr. Warren mentions that her office is working to seek partners to continue work with individuals with co-occurring disorders.

Ms. Specio-Boyer notes that a recovery oriented system of care that looks at the resources available in the community. This model allows additional providers to the treatment system including faith based organizations.

Ms. Lazare asks members to look into how this group can break down barriers and work with other organizations to leverage funding.

Ms. Zeigler notes that when agencies share human resources, you are able to see where funding can work together to achieve the same goal. She recommends that agencies partner prior to seeking funding, and offers that her staff can sit in on review committees for grant applications.

### **Sub-Committee/ Focus Area Reports**

Ms. Lazare referred to Sub-Committee chairs to provide brief updates. Mr. Fronske provided an update on the work on the Underage Drinking Committee since their June meeting, on behalf of Dr. Nelson. The committee has completed a cost benefit analysis that showed Arizona saved millions of dollars between 2005-2008 by reducing 30-day use of alcohol. He also notes that several local communities have passed social host ordinances in 2009. These ordinances target adults who provide alcohol to minors and are enforceable by criminal and civil sanctions.



Ms. Mary Specio-Boyer provided update on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) has been working on a list of community resources that will be used to create a web-based repository of information. This community data project will organize prevention resources for the state and allow easy access to information for communities.

Mr. Duce Minor provided an update on the Workforce Development Committee. He notes that the evidence based review process of the RHBA's is occurring currently and once the review is completed the information will be shared with SAMHSA. In addition, the committee is working on a cost effective web-based training system. This 2009-2010 training calendar will be available to prevention providers in the Department of Health Services system and out of the system. Ms. Larsen asks if DHS can share the results with ASAP once the review of evidence based practices is completed. Ms. Shumaker notes they are willing to do this.

Ms. Lempke updated members on the status of the prescription drug EAB. She notes the success of the state prescription drug monitoring system. In addition, she notes that ASAP member agencies are working to share the prevention information on the proper disposal in partnership with Fry's pharmacies. The Drug Enforcement Administration has developed protocols for proper disposal that have been shared with law enforcement and include the partnership with community coalitions. The Department of Environmental Quality has applied for funding to support "take back" programs in border communities.

Mr. Anthony Coulson Chair of the Methamphetamine Task Force reports that the task force has been working on implementing cost effective strategies for prevention. Department of Health Services and the Department of Education developed a substance abuse screening tool that has been supplied to providers working with youth. In addition, the ATR grant has been able to fill the gap in treatment services for individuals with methamphetamine addiction. In 2009, \$1.7 million was spent on treatment and recovery support services across counties.

#### **Drug Endangered Children Strategic Focus Area**

Mr. Copple provided the group an overview of Drug Endangered Children and the protocols needed to protect these children. Please refer to the attached powerpoint for details of the presentation.

Dr. Warren asks if the EAB has been adopted. Ms. Lazare requests that members review this document and respond to Ms. Lempke by September 16, 2009 with any additions or changes. She notes this EAB will be tasked to the Meth Task Force for implementation.

#### **Auditor General's Report on DBHS Substance Abuse Treatment Programs**

Ms. Lazare introduced Mike Fronske with the Department of Health Services – Division for Behavioral Health (DHS/DBHS). Mr. Fronske refers members to a summary document in their packets, and shares the results of the sunset audit on substance abuse treatment. Please refer to the attached PowerPoint for details on the presentation.

#### **ADHS 2010-2015 strategic Prevention Plan**

Ms. Lazare introduced Lisa Shumaker with the DHS/ DBHS. Ms. Shumaker discussed the DHS prevention plan. Please refer to the attached PowerPoint for details on the presentation.

Sheriff Ogden notes that in Yuma hospice providers are reporting that family members are using the prescription drugs of the patients, and need training on how to properly dispose of the prescription drugs.



### **New Business/ Upcoming Events**

Mr. Coulson mentions that the Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network data indicated that there has been a decrease in detainees that are testing positive for methamphetamine among juveniles and adults. This correlates with meth seizures showing that most seizures within Arizona were destined for other locations. Mr. Choate with Arizona State University explains this data and other substances.

Dr. Warren mentions that ADJC through the COSIG grant is hosting a symposium for youth suffering from co-occurring disorders. She notes the registration and save the date are included in members packets.

### **Call to the Public**

Ms. Lazare made a call to the public. David Gallagher mentions SB1420 that deals with DUI and treatment for marijuana for youth working with diversion programs. He recommends this group review this information.

Captain Malina Botkin with the Arizona National Guard introduces herself as she is new member to the group. She discusses the drug demand reduction program her organization is implementing.

### **Adjourn**

Ms. Lazare noted that the next meeting will be held on November 17, 2009 and encouraged members to continue moving forward with the work of ASAP between meetings. Ms. Lazare adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.